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Board of Commissioners Collect Funds for Senior Dance Club

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — To help preserve a long-standing recreational senior activity in the county, the office of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners is now accepting donations on behalf of Metro Dance Club II.

The dances were started nine years ago by the late Commissioner Ralph Liberato, and feature Big Band era music enjoyed by people between the ages of 55 and older (although anyone is welcome). They have been held Sundays from September to May at local venues (including their current home at Metro Beach's Thomas Welch Activity Center), but because of financial challenges and a decline in available space, the group will be looking for a new venue and ways to fund future dances. Group Secretary, Doreen Mullen said a season costs at least \$4,000 for rent. Overall, the group spends about \$425 per dance. Overall, the group spends about \$425 per dance, but re-coups some of the cost through concessions, raffles and ticket sales.

"It's very good (physical and social) therapy and preventative medicine for many of the seniors," Mullen said. "They really have a good time, it's a party for everyone."

All funds raised will go directly to pay for the next season of dances put on by the club. Donations can be made to "Metro Dance Club II" through the office of the Board of Commissioners, located on the 9th floor, 1. S. Main, Mount Clemens, MI, 48043.

County Commissioner Dana Camphous-Peterson, who is Chair of the Health and Environmental Committee and sits on the Senior Services Committee is helping to facilitate the collection along with Commissioner Andrey Duzyj.

"Activities like these are important to our seniors," Camphous-Peterson said. "There aren't many places for them to go to hear Big Band music anymore, or do the types of dances they enjoyed when they were younger. This is a way to support them and give them back some enjoyment from their generation."

Commissioner Andrey Duzyj said the dances are a unique social outlet that allows seniors a connection with like-minded people.

"Many people look forward to events like this for exercise, interaction and a sense of fun and connection with other seniors in the area," he said. "I hope people consider supporting this kind of endeavor."

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